

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1007

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor Todd Jarrell upon winning the Rising Star Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Todd Jarrell, who was recently named the winner of the Rising Star Award at the 22nd Annual Midsouth Emmy Awards held at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville on January 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the award, which was presented by the National Academy of Television Arts and the Tennessee Film, Entertainment, and Music Commission, recognizes those persons in broadcasting who are anticipated to make a great impression and become a leader and star in the profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jarrell, after leaving a fifteen-year career in television advertising, began writing and filmmaking in 1998; since that date, he has produced and written many noteworthy works, including the documentaries, *Slow Dance with the Planet*, *Change of Heart*, and *Tree Safari: A Sculptural Journey*; and

WHEREAS, Todd Jarrell has been an integral force in exposing the detrimental effects that methamphetamine has had on our communities and our Nation; his acclaimed works, *Meth in Tennessee*, which was a prime-time special aired on WKRN in Nashville and earned him nomination for an Emmy in community service and a Gabriel Award; *In Meth's Grip*, which was produced for Nashville Public Radio and won three national awards, and *Crank: Darkness on the Edge of Town*, which was honored by being syndicated nationally by American Public Television, have done much to further an understanding of the immense societal impact that this illegal substance has had in recent years; and

WHEREAS, not one to rest on his laurels, Mr. Jarrell is already working on three more projects, including *Tree Safari: The Koa Connection*, *Tuba U: Basso Profundo*, and *Smoke of the Dragon*, all of which feature unique Tennesseans and Tennessee institutions in order to depict our great State's many valuable contributions to human culture as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Todd Jarrell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Jarrell for his unswerving commitment to excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Todd Jarrell upon winning the prestigious Rising Star Award, honor his many accomplishments as a writer and producer, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.